Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Reno Region of the SCCA
August 1, 2007

Attendees: Stas Kochil, Lee Mitchell, John Townley, Jim Kunze, Doug Driver, Nick Hansen, Don Smith, John Evans, Patty Evans, Jim Gandy, Dave Deborde, Jim Uchytil, Patrick Smith, John Riggs Jr., Robin McCullough, Mike Bauer, Lucas Kunze, Ed Reichley, Scott Perry, Chuck Johnson, John Perry

Deniece Larsen, Ham Edwards, Matt Roy, Mike Khamis, Erwin Stedronsky

The meeting was called to order by Jim Gandy at 6:45 p.m.

Jim welcomed Stas Kochil who was attending his first meeting.

Minutes of Prior Meeting
Minutes from the July meeting were moved for approval by Doug Driver, seconded by Don Smith and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report
Doug reviewed the financial statement. The club is doing well with cash on hand of $35,256.50. John Perry moved to approve the report, Dave Deborde seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

<u>Past Events</u>
Solo Events 10/11 July 14 & 15
This was a great event. Thanks were received from the Western States Corvette Council for making it easy for them to have a great time. Special thanks to Mike Khamis for the outstanding job he did with the results for their group. Many participants commented on the slickness of the new slurry seal.

Track Event – Round 3 July 21st
A good event with 35 drivers. Many did not pre-register. The safety vehicle hit the wall and significant damage was done but no one was hurt. Repairs are underway.
August 11th event cancellation – members comment and discussion
Many members expressed their disappointment in the cancellation of the event. The board members explained that due to the circumstances with the "regular" attendees and what was expected to be a low attendance with low worker and race official participation, it would be in the best interest of the club to cancel. Many members disagreed. Jim Kunze expressed the need to advertise and promote the club to get more participants.

Interest needs to increase in the PDX program and concern was raised that everyone got the word of the cancellation.

Dave explained the expenses and issues associated with putting on these events. It was suggested by John Riggs to put a requirement on the form to have people sign up 30 days in advance so we know who is planning on coming.

Lucas Kunze said we need to cater to the PDX drivers more than we do and the club should be willing to take a financial risk based on putting out the schedule so it is reliable and we keep our commitments. If we took a loss we would know for sure and then evaluate what could have been done differently.

Chuck Johnson weighed in with the comment that startup costs are to be expected and we should not necessarily plan on making a profit each time. The club needs to be more realistic.

Scott felt that there was a division between the solo and track programs, but there was an issue of having the events too close together. Scott indicated that the board would take the comments made and evaluation how to improve the program and reevaluate our risk tolerance.

Ed Reichley said he would have rather seen an increase in the fee instead of a cancellation. He went on to puzzle why more solo drivers do not participate in PDX. Jim U. asked how other clubs get participation levels up.

Patrick Smith shared his concern regarding over promoting the TT/PDX events and then sub optimizing the running of the event. This is a niche sport and we draw from a small audience and he feels that the venue should grow slowly.

Patty expressed her opinion regarding the current risk tolerance of the board and saw the members comments as an opportunity to revisit this issue. The financial circumstances of the club have changed since the race program was started. The board will be discussing this issue in upcoming e-mail and face to face meetings.

Dave Deborde is also putting together a planning committee and members are encouraged to contact Dave if they are interested in participating.

Out of region event participation

It was rumored that Mark Sipe went to Monster Park, but he was not in attendance to comment. Lee Mitchell traveled to Bremerton, Washington for a vintage and came away with the VP2 class championship. Congratulations Lee!

Sierra/Sierra Enterprises, a racing team is headquartered in Minden. They just concluded a 4th place CHAMP finish and won overall.

Dave Deborde attended a SFR sponsored event at Thunderhill. He made it through qualifying in GT2 but blew an oil seal and ended up not competing.

Upcoming Events

Solo 12/13 at Stead August 4 & 5 Event chairs are Don and Sheri Smith. Don expects to have about a 50 second course. He will be needing help around 2pm on Friday.

SOLO EVENT AUGUST 25/26 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF THE SQUAW VALLEY SITE

TRACK TRIAL AND PDX FOR AUGUST 11 HAS BEEN CANCELLED (see above comments in past event section)

Double Regional Time Trails & NPDiv Championship at Reno-Fernley raceway September 15-16
Pre-registration is open. Volunteers are needed. Contact Dave if interested and Please sign up on www.MyAutoEvents.com.

Old business
Solo Trailer
Jim U. thought it worked great for setting up the last event. The bus could be set up while the trailer was out on course. Registration likes it because it lets them get packed up early as they don't have to wait for the bus to be loaded.

New Business
A tentative date for the annual awards banquet is November 17th. It is being pushed back to accommodate a potential add of a weekend to the solo schedule. October 20th weekend is being considered at Stead. The members were asked if they would like to see the added event as a points event or not. Jim U voted to have it NOT be a points event. Ed did not care one way or another just wanted to have as many events as possible. A suggestion was made to run it like the school/test and tune at the beginning of the year. Lucas mentioned that getting regulars to attend that type of event might be difficult. The board will make the final determination.
Please contact your board members and let them know what you would like to do.

Raffle winner
Two T-shirts were raffled off. The winners got their choice from the various styles. Jim U. and Ham Edwards each won a T-shirt

Walk-On Items
None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
Respectfully submitted by Patty Evans, Secretary.